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Registration of births and deaths.

* 433 *Q.*—SRI A. VELOO (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswamy Reddiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government are taking to ensure that births and deaths are properly and accurately registered by the respective Registrars under the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899;

(*b*) the action, if any, taken by them against Registrars who default in submitting their monthly returns as per rule 3 of the Rules issued under Act III of 1899;

(*c*) how many Registrars were punished or warned by the respective Collectors under the provisions of section 18 (*b*) of Act III of 1899, during the years 1948–53; and

(*d*) the number of returns regarding births and deaths not received from each district during the years 1948–53?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) to (*d*) A paper[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Co-operative Housing Scheme in Tillainagar of Tiruchirappalli town.

* 434 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable nanja lands involved in the execution of the Co-operative Housing Scheme in Tillainagar of Tiruchirappalli town;

(*b*) the probable loss in the production of foodgrains by the conversion of such lands into house-sites and other constructions; and

(*c*) the costs paid to the land owners?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) 74·94 acres.

"(*b*) Approximately 110 tons of paddy annually.

"(*c*) Rs. 5,22,561–5–10."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—"Will the Government be pleased to prohibit the wholesale conversion of such cultivable nanja lands into house-sites hereafter?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Yes, Sir, if the word 'wholesale' is emphasised."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM:—"Is it not a fact that the allowing of wet lands to be in the centre of a town is injuries to the health of the population of the town?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Wet lands in the middle of urban cities will improve the general health of

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 755–757 infra.

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the population of the city not because of the wetness but because of the open space. Taking all things into account, to build up on wet lands is bad."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what induced the Government to convert wet lands into house-sites? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " The hon. Member should know that Tiruchirappalli is the third or the fourth biggest town in the State. The population is increasing and there must be some space for people to live in."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" வேறு புஞ்சை நிலத்தை அங்கே வீடு கட்டுவதற்குக் கொடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" அந்த நிலம்தான் சௌகர்யமாக இருந்தது."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" முதல் அமைச்சர் பதில் சொல்லும் போது காலியான இடம் இருப்பது நகருக்கு சுகாதார வசதி அளிக்கும் என்று சொன்னார். திருச்சி நகர மத்தியில் காலி நிலங்களை அரசாங்கம் வீடு கட்டுவதற்குக் கொடுத்தது தவறு அல்லவா ? அது மாதிரி இனிமேல் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன் வராமல் இருப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I gave my opinion. I tried my best to prevent it. I have failed in many places. Such is the greed of owners of lands."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it not a fact that wide, extensive and expansive space is available within the vicinity of Tiruchirappalli town for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Not as convenient as this, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" While the question is being answered, the Hon. the Chief Minister expresses one view and the Hon. the Minister for Revenue expresses another view. Are not the Government aware of the conflict of views expressed by the Cabinet on the same question? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Revenue Minister gives facts and expresses what has been done. I am giving the opinion of the Government. Unfortunately, Government are not always successful when dealing with vested interests."

Velayutha Mudaliar High School, Kurinjipadi.

* 435 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the request made by the management of Sri S. K. Velayutha Mudaliar High School, Kurinjipadi, South Arcot district to restore the sanction to open Form IV?